



**Agenda Item Number: 2008-5-9C**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** May 29, 2008

**Department:** Infrastructure Planning   **Staff Contact:** Tom Zdunek, DCM for PW  
Mary Murnane, Water Resources Program Mgr

**TITLE:** Create a Water Conservation Advisory Group

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2008 creating a Water Conservation Advisory Group to review and make recommendations for changes to the Bernalillo County Water Conservation Ordinance.

### **SUMMARY:**

In December 2007, the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) proposed to revise their water conservation ordinance to include some additional water conservation measures. The revisions were approved, and then rescinded.

The major reasons for the removal of the new provisions were:

- Insufficient Public Comment; and
- Additional requirements imposed on other jurisdictions with no consultation.

Subsequently, the ABCWUA directed their Customer Advisory Committee to review the ABCWUA water conservation ordinance, and make recommendations for changes. These changes would include recommendations for changes to County and City of Albuquerque land use and building codes, if any.

In order to ensure that the citizens of Bernalillo County have opportunity to participate in any recommendations for changes to Bernalillo County ordinances, a County Water Conservation Advisory Group (BCWCAG) is being proposed. The BCWCAG will be comprised of representatives from the five commission districts, major stakeholders, and various experts in the field of water conservation, xeriscaping and irrigation.

It is anticipated that the group would review and build upon the recommendations of the ABCWUA in order to have some consistency between jurisdictions, but also ensure that County-specific conditions are addressed in the process. The end result of the group's work will be recommendations for changes to County ordinances to promote comprehensive water conservation.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Fiscal impact appears to be indirect at this time, involving staff and Commission time to select BCWCAG members and schedule and conduct meetings. There could also be some printing and office supply expense. These indirect costs likely would be accommodated within existing budgets. BCWCAG members may be able to provide meeting space and other support.  
SG 05/14/08

## **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

Commissioner Cordova directed staff to establish this Water Conservative Advisory Group in order to gather input from the private sector and the general public. this group will assist staff in establishing changes to the Bernalillo County Water conservation Ordinance. I recommend Board approval. TL 5/20/2008

### **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

By creation of the Water Conservation Advisory Group, members of the committee will be allowed the opportunity to provide County specific recommendations, as well as, act as a conduit for water conservation measures between the County and the ABCWUA. The Group will also serve as a resource for future conservation measures. I recommend approval. TZ 05/14/08